

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARYLAND OF NOVEMBER 29TH, 1938.

The Board of Public Works met in the office of the State Comptroller at Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, November 29th, 1938.

Present:

Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.  
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from the Office of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in which authority was requested to write off as uncollectible a claim for \$300.00 against Thomas Faulkner, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, covering a fine imposed upon Gilbert Ewing. A copy of letter addressed to the Commissioner by Mr. Charles T. LeViness, 3rd., Assistant Attorney General, accompanied the request.

The Comptroller and Treasurer said that they would be willing to authorize the writing off of the claim, but that they thought they should have more information than was contained in the request before them on the subject, and requested the Secretary to secure whatever further information there is obtainable for finally disposing of the matter.

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The following letter from Mr. Charles R. Rogers, Assistant Director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, was read -

THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART  
Wyman Park, Baltimore, Md.

November 25, 1938.

Bureau of Public Works,  
Treasury Department,  
Annapolis, Maryland.

Attention: Mr. McCusker.

My dear Mr. McCusker:

The "Maryland Tradition" exhibition closes on Sunday and we have arranged to return the paintings which the State lent us via Graham's Storage Warehouse Company on Monday, the 28th.

Mr. David Rosen, of the Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, who restored a number of paintings in the State House several years ago, visited the exhibition and was dissatisfied with the present state of the Peale Portrait of Washington, Lafayette and Tilghman. The canvas is showing signs of flaking and general deterioration and we both feel that it is too important a painting to risk travelling back to Annapolis in its present condition.

Mr. Rosen has offered to restore the painting without cost to the State and I am, therefore, writing to ask your permission to retain the painting at the Museum while this work is being done.

Will you advise me, either by wire or telephone, as soon as possible so that arrangements may be made with Mr. Rosen to start on the restoration work immediately. The painting will be returned just as soon as it is in condition to be moved without further danger of damage.

Awaiting your advice in the matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Charles R. Rogers.

Assistant Director.

The Board confirmed the approval previously given verbally to the Secretary that he be authorized to advise Mr. Rogers by telephone of the willingness of the Board to approve the request made by Mr. Rogers.

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs. Laurence Hall Fowler and Henry Powell Hopkins, Associate Architects for the new State Office Building in Annapolis, in which authority was requested to employ Mr. Gabriel Sill as Clerk of the Works on the new State Office Building, at a salary of \$60.00 a week, the employment to begin about the middle of December.

The Board approved the employment of Mr. Sill.

The Secretary read a letter received from Messrs. Laurence Hall Fowler and Henry Powell Hopkins, Associate Architects, for the new State Office Building in Annapolis, advising that because of work being done by the United States Government in building an addition to the Post Office it is necessary that the proposed brick wall at the Post Office end of the Office Building site be raised approximately three feet, six inches and that the Davis Construction Company had submitted a price of \$700.00 for the additional work. The Architects recommended the price as satisfactory.

The Board approved the work and authorized the Architects to furnish the Davis Construction Company with the necessary order.

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The Secretary read to the Board a letter from Messrs. Laurence Hall Fowler and Henry Powell Hopkins, Associate Architects, in which the Board was advised that a price of \$3,675.00 had been quoted by the Davis Construction Company for furnishing and installing a brick sidewalk in place of the concrete sidewalk specified around the three sides of the State's property along College Avenue, Bladen Street and Carroll Street.

The Board authorized the Architects to issue an order to Davis Construction Company for the additional work.

The Comptroller submitted to the Board a statement showing expenditures made by the Relief Tax Department for the period from April 1st, 1938 to September 30th, 1938, showing a total expenditure for salaries and expenses of \$65,465.80.

The statement of expenditures was approved.

The Board approved an amendment to the Military Department's Budget for the fiscal year 1939 for salaries and expenses of the Maryland Naval Militia, in the amount of \$200.00, dated November 10th, 1938.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Doctor Cook, State Superintendent of Education, reading as follows -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

November 21, 1938.

Board of Public Works,  
Annapolis, Md.

Attention of Mr. McCusker, Secretary.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

At the meeting held on Friday, November 18th, 1938, the State Board of Education approved granting the easement (fourteen feet, I think) to the State Roads Commission on the side of the cut off road at the State Teachers College at Salisbury, subject, of course, to the approval of the State Board of Public Works.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the State Roads Commission for its information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Albert S. Cook

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Secretary.

The approval requested was granted.

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The Board approved an amendment to the budget of the Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission, for the fiscal year ended September 30th, 1939, involving salaries of Junior Assistant Librarian and Senior Assistant Librarian to conform to classification for these positions established by the State Employment Commissioner. (Nov. 17, 1938-\$900.)

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter received from the State Department of Health, dated November 7th, 1938, relative to a claim submitted by the Principal of a school in Prince George's County, who sustained some injury to her eyes through taking an injection of diagnostic tuberculin by way of encouraging the children of her school to permit themselves to be given these injections. The amount of the claim is \$270.00 covering hospital, physicians and x-ray fees.

In view of the circumstances outlined by the State Department of Health in regard to this matter, the Board was of the opinion that the State was morally obligated to take care of these expenses and agreed that it would be proper for the State Department of Health to pay the claim out of its Budget, charging the payment to Miscellaneous or other expenses, so that it might be appropriately charged.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a request from Mr. E. Lee Kries, Chief Engineer, that he be permitted to remove the revolving door from the main entrance to the State House and place in lieu thereof doors which were heretofore used. It was stated that several persons have been slightly injured through being caught in the revolving doors and that they are more or less a nuisance in connection with the coming and going of people to the State House through this entrance.

The Board approved the request of the Chief Engineer in this matter.

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The Secretary submitted to the Board a letter received from the Board of Welfare, dated November 29th, 1938, in which approval was requested to the following contracts for work in connection with the Sewage Treatment Plant, Sanitary Sewers and Water Mains at the Maryland House of Correction, as follows -

Contract No. 4 - (Sewage Treatment Plant) - John Matricciani - in the amount of \$57,619.27.  
Contract No. 5 - (Sanitary Sewers) - Frank Angelozzi and Sons, in the amount of \$13,109.85.  
Contract No. 6 - (Water Mains) - John Matricciani - in the amount of \$8,193.95.

The foregoing contracts were duly approved.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Morgan College, Baltimore, submitting a revised control estimate on Morgan College Library, and requested approval to such estimate.

The request was approved.

On Motion duly seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT ORDERED, that in accordance with the Acts of 1937, Chapter 487, the Governor, Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer of the State be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to issue Certificates of Indebtedness of the State in the amount of \$600,000.00 dated the fifteenth day of February, 1939; said Certificates of Indebtedness to bear interest at the rate of 4%, payable semi-annually on the first days of August and February, respectively; the principal of said loan being payable upon the Serial Annuity Plan as more fully set forth in said Act of 1937, Chapter 487, as follows:

Series	Amount	Redeemable
"BN"	\$36,000.00	February 15, 1942
"BO"	37,000.00	February 15, 1943
"BP"	38,000.00	February 15, 1944
"BQ"	40,000.00	February 15, 1945
"BR"	42,000.00	February 15, 1946
"BS"	44,000.00	February 15, 1947
"BT"	46,000.00	February 15, 1948
"BU"	48,000.00	February 15, 1949
"BV"	50,000.00	February 15, 1950
"BW"	52,000.00	February 15, 1951
"BX"	54,000.00	February 15, 1952
"BY"	56,000.00	February 15, 1953
"BZ"	57,000.00	February 15, 1954

The said Certificates of Indebtedness will be of the denomination of \$1,000 each, subject to registration as to principal, and all will be issued with interest coupons attached.

The Comptroller of the Treasury and the Treasurer are authorized to deliver to the Teachers' Retirement System of Maryland these Certificates of Indebtedness constituting an issue with par value of \$600,000.00, dated February 15th, 1939, which issue is the issue of bonds in the par value of \$600,000.00, deliverable to the Teachers' Retirement System of Maryland as provided in Section 6 of Chapter 487 of the Acts of 1937.

The Governor, Comptroller and the Treasurer shall cause to be prepared Certificates of Indebtedness in good and sufficient form for the amount of \$600,000.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.